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SUBJECT:RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S LETTER ON POSSIBLE
U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO FROM PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: DAKAR 6738

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S
RESPONSE OF OCTOBER 12 TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S LETTER ON
POSSIBLE U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR THOUGHTS ON POSSIBLE US
WITHDRAWAL FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION. I
VALUE YOUR VIEWS AND WILL TAKE THEM INTO CONSIDERATION IN
MAKING MY DECISION ON CONTINUING US MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILO.

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I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US PARTICIPATION IN INTER-
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE AS THEIR PRINCIPAL GOALS
THE FURTHERING OF WORLD PEACE AND EQUITABLE AND HUMANE
TREATMENT FOR ALL PEOPLES. THE US HAS MADE A SPECIAL
EFFORT IN RECENT YEARS, PARTICULARLY SINCE 1975, TO WORK
TO BRING ABOUT CONSTRUCTIVE AND NEEDED REFORMS COMPATIBLE
WITH THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE ILO WAS FOUNDED. ON THE

WHOLE, WE HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED BY THE LACK OF SUPPORT

FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ILO ON THESE ISSUES WHICH WE
CONSIDER VITAL TO THE ORGANIZATION'S FUTURE. IF THE US
SHOULD DECIDE TO REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION, WE
WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THESE REFORMS, AND I URGE YOUR
COLLABORATION IN SUCH AN EFFORT.

IN THIS CONNECTION, YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT THE US
GOVERNMENT WILL THOROUGHLY REVIEW ALL OF THE FACTORS
INVOLVED BEFORE MAKING A DECISION ON OUR CONTINUED
PARTICIPATION IN THE ILO. THE ASSESSMENT WILL INCLUDE THE
FULL TWO-YEAR RECORD OF THE EFFORTS TO REFORM THE ILO, THE
VIEWS OF THIS GOVERNMENT'S FRIENDS AND ALLIES, THE VALUE
OF THE WORK OF THE ILO, AND THE EFFECT OF THE US DECISION
ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

I AM PLEASED THAT YOU SHARED YOUR CONCERNS AND INSIGHTS
WITH ME ABOUT THIS DIFFICULT DECISION. SINCERELY,
JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE.

2. ORIGINAL OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER IS BEING
POUCHED.

3. FYI: CANADIAN EFFORT QUERIED IN REFTEL IS
WORLDWIDE AND NOT EXCLUSIVELY AIMED AT SENEGAL. END FYI.
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